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) BOTTLES AND BOXES  
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Sir:

Prior to computing the filing fee in this application, kindly amend the above identified application, as follows. The filing fee is to be computed on the claims, as filed.

**In the Abstract:**

A clean copy of the Abstract as published is attached. No changes to the Abstract have been made.

**In the Specification:**

Please add the following paragraph at page 1, between the title and the first line of text as follows:

**CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION**

The present application is the U.S. national stage application of International Application PCT/NO00/00116, filed April 11, 2000, which international application was published on November 9, 2000 as International Publication WO 00/67211 in the English language. The International Application claims priority of Norwegian Patent Application 19991853, filed April 19, 1999.

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**